

## THE BREEDING OF MOSQUITOES IN ALKALINE WATER.

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Dr. C. S. Ludlow has sent the following note, quoted from a letter from Dr. H. L. Ballowe, Captain in the Medical Reserve Corps, U. S. Army at Fort St. Philip, Louisiana:

"A neighbor of mine at Buras, near the post, prepared a mixture of caustic soda to kill the San José Scale on his orange trees. After using a part of the barrel of the solution, the rest was left in a semi-protected location for about eight months. It was exposed to the weather and to some rains. On examining this barrel one day I found it teeming with larvæ and pupæ, both *Anopheles* and *Culex*. The alkali of the solution was marked to the taste, the color was a dark brown, and the solution affected litmus paper. I procured several jars of this solution and allowed the pupæ to complete development. The adults were seemingly normal."